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Patent Application of:

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For: *Catheter Introducer Having an Expandable Tip*

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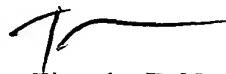
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Sir:

This information disclosure statement is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the above application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. The Examiner is hereby informed that prior art was cited during prosecution of co-pending application Serial No. 09/896,035, filed June 29, 2001, entitled "*Catheter Introducer Having an Expandable Tip*," on which priority is claimed in the present application. Submission of this prior art is believed to be excused under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

In addition, applicants submit one additional reference, U.S. Patent No. 3,877,429, which was discovered during prosecution of the parent application and the International Search Report and references cited in a corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/US02/20492. The International Search Report, dated February 6, 2003 is enclosed, along with the references listed on the attached "Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant" PTO Form 1449.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	AA	3,877,429	4/15/1975	Rasumoff			
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